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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE PROPOSAL FOR ADB TO INCREASE ITS EFFORTS IN
SUPPORT OF PRIVATE INVESTMENT

1. U.S. ED INDICATED INFORMALLY TO AUSTRALIAN ED SOME WEEKS AGO THAT HE BELIEVED BANK COULD DO MORE TO SUPPORT PRIVATE ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN ASIA AS A MEANS OF PROMOTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. HE INDICATED THAT HE PLANNED TO RECOMMEND THAT THE U.S. GOVERNOR PROPOSE AT THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING THAT THE BANK ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE TO LOOK INTO THE QUESTION AS TO HOW THE ADB MIGHT EXPAND ITS EFFORTS IN THIS AREA, PERHAPS IN CONNECTION WITH SUCJ ORGANIZATIONS AS THE IFC AND PICA, AND WONDERED WHETHER THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNOR WOULD BE WILLING TO SUPPORT SUCH A PROPOSAL IF WASHINGTON WERE TO AGREE TO THE U.S. ED'S RECOMMENDATION.

2. CANBERRA HAS NOW REPLIED THAT IT ENTHUSIASTICALLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ENDORSES THE IDEA THAT THE BANK DO MORE TO SUPPORT "FOREIGN INVESTMENT" AND THAT IT WOULD BE PREPARED NOT ONLY TO SUPPORT A U.S. PROPOSAL BUT WOULD BE READY TO INTRODUCE THE IDEA AT VIENNA, WITH THE U.S. SUPPORTING SAME, IF WE BELIEVED THAT APPROACH WOULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE.

3. THE U.S. ED NOTED TO THE AUSTRALIAN ED THAT ORIGINAL PROPOSAL DID NOT REFERE TO "FOREIGN INVESTMENT", AND WAS HEAVILY ORIENTED TOWARD THE PROMOTION OF SMALL SCALE ENTERPRISE, WHICH BY ITS NATURE IS LOCAL INVESTMENT. THE U.S. ED'S PROPOSAL, HOWEVER, ALSO ENVISAGED THE POSSIBILITY OF COOPERATING WITH THE IFC, AS WELL AS WITH COMMERCIAL BANKS IN CO-FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS, AS WELL AS THE ADB EVENTUALLY DIRECTLY SUPPORING PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.

4. U. S. ED WOULD APPRECIATE HOW TO RESPOND TO CANBERRA'S SUGGESTION. $\ensuremath{\mathsf{EDMOND}}$

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